Clinical Pharmacogenomics: Why We Don't Have It. How We Can Get It.

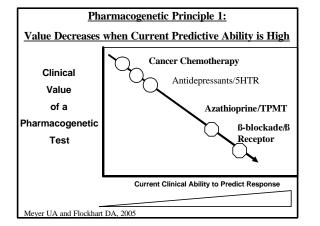
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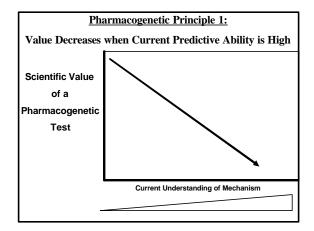
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MD 2005

Purposes of Pharmacogenomics

To elucidate mechanism

To predict response



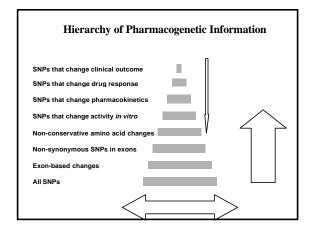


Why we Don't Have it

- Prediction of Dose "Challenging"
- Flawed Poster Children
- Few Prospective Trials of Genetically-Driven Clinical Practice vs Standard of Care
- Little Incremental Value Apparent in a Quality Driven Clinical Environment

Progress in the Last Ten Years?

- FDA no longer a barrier
- Price no longer a barrier
- Utility in the Pharmaceutical Industry widespread
 - Warfarin



How to Get Clinical Pharmacogenomics?

- 1. Choose a Disease that Matters to a LOT of People
- 2. Choose a disease where the effects of therapy are hard to predict using currently available technology in the clinic.
- i.e. NOT an antihypertensive, or antihistamine or analgesic

Breast Cancer

- 65, 000 women in North America will be diagnosed on 2005
- 2nd most common malignancy in women
- Lifetime risk for breast cancer among women is 1 in 7.

Treatment of Breast Cancer has been "Personalised" from the start.

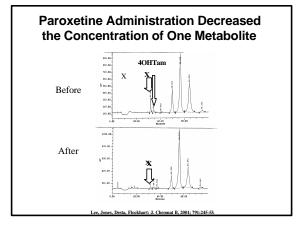
- Prevention: Tamoxifen
- Surgery
- Chemotherapy:
 - Anthracyclines
 - Taxol
- Cyclophosphamide/Methotrexate/5-FU
- Endocrine therapy: ER-dependant
 - Aromatase Inhibitors
 - SERMs
- Herceptin HER2 neu-dependant

Tamoxifen

- The first SERM
- 70% of breast cancers are ER+, until 2000 all were treated with tamoxifen
- The only approved preventive therapy for breast cancer
- 1 million lives are saved per year by tamoxifen

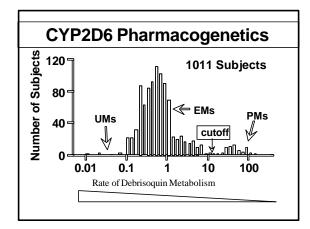
Case Report

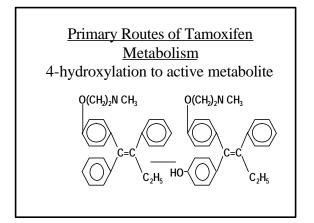
- 45 year-old woman presented with intense, intolerable hot flashes after being prescribed 20 mg of tamoxifen per day for a week.
- Placed on 10 mg per day of paroxetine for depression
- Resolution of hot flashes within a week
- Hot flashes resumed when taken off paroxetine

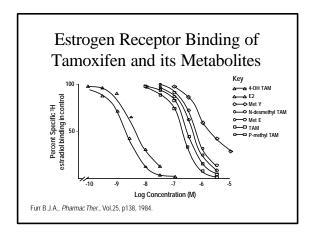


Paroxetine is a potent and specific inhibitor of CYP2D6 (fluoxetine, venflaxine, quinidine also)

Hypothesis: Hot flashes are being reduced by a paroxetine-mediated drug interaction involving CYP2D6 that reduces active tamoxifen metabolite concentrations.



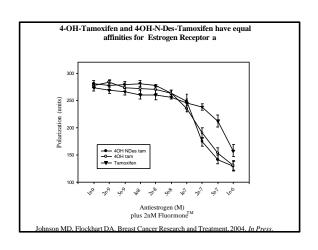


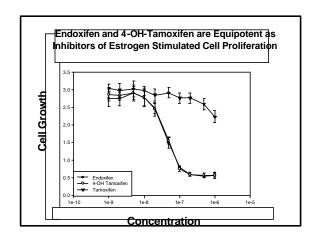


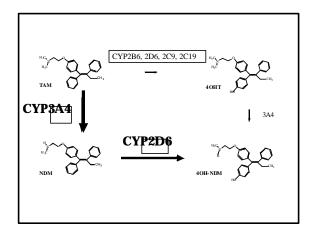
Separated, purified, identified and synthesized metabolite X.

= 4-hydroxy-N-desmethyl tamoxifen = Endoxifen

Identified CYP2D6 as the primary catalyst of its formation *in vitro*.



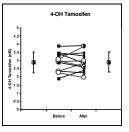


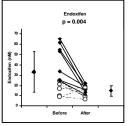


Effect of paroxetine and CYP2D6 genotype on steady state tamoxifen pharmacokinetics

- Enrolled 12 women who experienced hot flashes with tamoxifen and requested treatment.
- Determined CYP2D6 genotype by Affymetrix chip for 19 alleles and by RFLP for 12 variant alleles.
- Open, randomized, fixed interval trial design.
- Tamoxifen 20 mg po qd with then without paroxetine 10 mg po qd.

Paroxetine and CYP2D6 genotype change the plasma concentrations of endoxifen





Flockhart et al. JNCI In Press, December 2003

Prospective Pharmacogenetic Trial of the Efficacy and Adverse Effects of Tamoxifen

- Genotypically nested study of 300 women taking tamoxifen measuring tamoxifen and metabolite concentrations:
 - Dynamic measures:
 - hot flashes
 - Plasma lipids: cholesterol, TG, LDL, HDL.
 - · bone density
 - · coagulation parameters: factor V, fibrinogen concentrations, TFPI, TBG
 - · CRP,

Prospective Tamoxifen Data

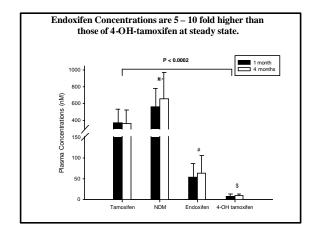
Surrogates for Outcome

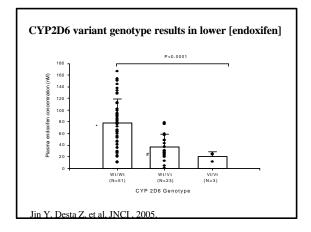
· Hot Flashes

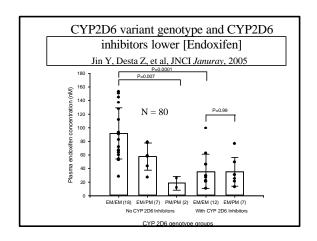
- Cholesterol
- LDL
- HDL
- TBG
- Bone Density
- · Coagulation Factors

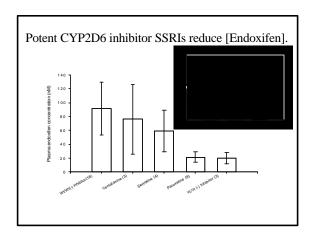
Pharmacogenetic Tests

- · CYP2D6: 8 alleles
- · ERa:3 alleles
- SULT1A1:2 alleles
- CYP2B6: 3 alleles
- CYP3A5: 2 alleles
- · MDR: 2 alleles
- · eNOS:4 alleles









Trials to Test the Hypothesis that CYP2D6 Genotype alters Tamoxifen Outcome.

- Prospective trials of tamoxifen vs placebo will not be done again.
- Retrospective trial data are available but no DNA was collected in the 17 trials known to be conducted 1975 - 1991.
- Could paraffin blocks be used?

Genotyping for polymorphic drug metabolizing enzymes from paraffin-embedded and immunohistochemically stained tumor samples.

Pharmacogenetics. 2003 Aug;13(8):501-7.

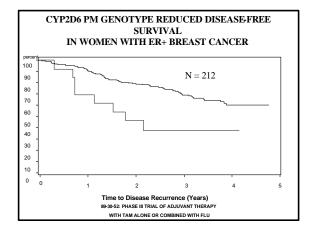
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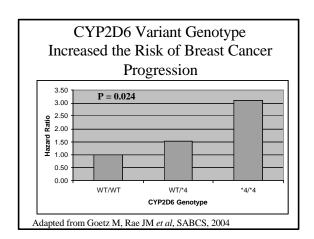
Complete agreement between blood and tumor for polymorphisms in CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP3A5 and MDR1

Among H & E stained, or immunohistochemically stained samples, only 25/50 amplified and only 14 produced accurate genotypes.

Retrospective Trials with Paraffin Blocks available

- 89-30-52: Phase III Trial of Adjuvant tam versus tam with fluoxymestrone
 - ~ 1000 patients
- NSABP P-1: 11,000 patients





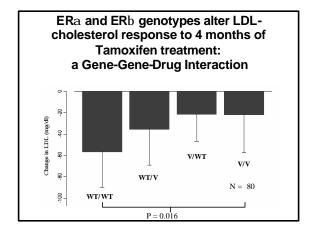
Summary

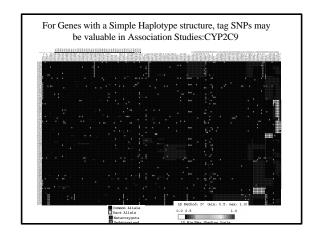
- Endoxifen is as potent an anti-estrogen as tamoxifen, but is present at 5-10 x greater concentrations
- Endoxifen concentration is sensitive to CYP2D6 genotype
- Potent inhibitors of CYP2D6 reduce endoxifen concentration
- CYP2D6 variant genotype reduced disease free survival in a randomised, prospective trial.

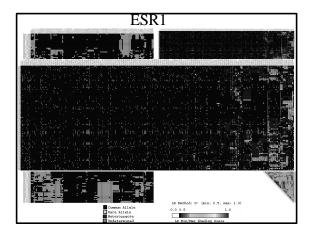


Risks and Benefits of Estrogen Plus Progestin in Healthy Postmenopausal Women :

JAMA 2002;288:321-328.







Gene Name	Length (kb)	Exons	Individuals	SNPs >5% /<5%	Haplotypes
ESR1	296	8	90	136(3) /177(6)	168[-]
CYP2C9	54	9	90	48(1) /132(9)	17[12]
				() - Exon SNPs ; [] -Haplotyes that cover 90% of population	

Summary

- A Paucity of Prospective Trials and a Studied Ignorance of the Clinic Represent the Most Important Barriers to Clinical Pharmacogenomics Becoming a Reality
- Multidisciplinary Research Groups involving Genomic Scientists and Experts in Specific Phenotypes are Best Equipped to Make Progress

